Newman, Allan G.

Subject: ANS Independence Day Medal

1918-1920

TO COMMEMORATE
THE INTERNATIONAL
CELEBRATION OF
INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 4 1918

To Cu
the International Celebrat
of 2nd day.
July 4 1918

To commemorate
the growing celebra-
tion of Independence
Day by the Demo-
cratic Nations of
the world.
July 4 1918.

Eli
Oui Seul.

TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The American Numismatic Society

156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY

NEW YORK

July 8th, 1918.

Mr. Allen G. Newman,
1947 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

The American Numismatic Society is planning to issue a medal to commemorate the growing tendency among the democratic nations of the world to celebrate our Fourth of July. We feel that this will give as few other subjects can, an opportunity for exalting our national principles.

We regret exceedingly that our Society, like every other educational institution at this time, must give undue place to the matter of cost. I am sending this letter to you and to several other medallists of our membership to ask whether you will consider doing this medal, and on what terms.

We are not asking that you submit a design for a competition. We desire, when the award has been made, that a sketch of the design for the medal be submitted for the approval of our Committee before work upon the model proceeds. The ~~issue~~ medal is to be 75 mm in size and would be issued in silver and bronze. Please also state whether you could give immediate attention to the matter. I should be very glad further to enlighten you upon the subject, or to have you arrange an appointment by telephone (Audubon 2484 - Mr. Noe).

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Kingston N.Y. RFD 3

July 12. 1918

Sydney P. Noe Esq.
The American Numismatic Society

My dear Mr. Noe;

Replying to your favor of July 8, I would be most gratified to have a medal to make expressing the sentiments you suggest, and could give it my immediate attention

My estimate for furnishing models of the obverse and reverse of practically equal interest ready for the reducing machine is $14 50 00

In a few days I will be in New York and will telephone you as I generally model my medals larger than the finished product and you may wish nothing expenses included in my estimate

Very truly yours

Allen G. Newman

BONNIE HALL
MARBLETOWN, N.Y.

July 16, 1918

Allen G. Newman, Esq.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Referring to your letter of the 12th and to your visit with Mr. Wyman yesterday, I beg to advise that you are correct in thinking that your estimate should not include the reduction of the medal but merely its preparation. I am sorry to have missed seeing you when you were here. I am sending a carbon of this letter to your Kingston address while the original goes to you r New York address. I will communicate further with you as soon as a decision has been reached.

May I express the wish that your summer in the delightful neighborhood of Kingston May prove a very pleasant one.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

July 26, 1918

Allen G. Newman, Esq.
R. F. D. # 3
Kingston, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

The matter of the 4th of July medal has not yet been settled. It must come before the committee and the Chairman of that committee expects to be out of town for about a month. The members of the staff feel that this time should not be allowed to elapse without something being accomplished however, and, while we will not have the ultimate decision in the matter, I believe that our recommendation that the medal be given to you will carry some weight.

Can you furnish me with photographs of some of the medals you already have designed? We have your National Arts Club Valor Medal, but I think that is all. These would be laid before the committee for the sake of informing them of your work. Had you thought out your design so far as to make a sketch possible? We desire to leave you entirely unhampered but in the event that you had not done so there are one or two suggestions which might prove fruitful. If you are coming to New York again in the course of two or three weeks and had by that time developed your sketch which would show your intentions, I should like very much to see you and talk with you about it because it may be that I shall not be on hand after the middle of August. I do not want you to take the trip for this purpose alone but if you could conveniently bring it about in connection with something else, I should like it very much.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

New PO address
Kingston N.Y. R.F.D. 3.

BONNIE HALL
MARBLETOWN, N.Y.

My dear Mr Roe

As you suggest in your favor of July 26th I am preparing several sketches for the 4th of July medal and will forward them in a few days so we can compare ideas.

I understand how you are situated in regard to the committee and will be pleased to do this and take this opportunity of saying that I appreciate and thank you for your interest in my efforts.

The Joan of Arc medal which I am sending you under separate cover by this mail is the only thing that I have available up here, but it may be sufficient to show the quality of finished work.

It looks very doubtful if I will have to come to New York within the next few weeks but will certainly come to see you if I do.

My phone here is 17 F 24 Kingston. Please call me up collect if necessary.

We have a little place

up the river here that we enjoy very much summer times — and I hope you too are having a most pleasant summer.

Very truly yours

Allen G. Newman —

P.S. Let me know your idea of what the design should be and I will work it up with the others.

A

August 8th, 1918.

Allen G. Newman, Esq.,
R. F. D. 3,
Kingston, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

I have your letter of the 7th, and the sketch has since come to hand.

Concerning your suggestion that I let you know what our idea of the design should be - that is exactly what I would rather not do. We want you unhampered and unlimited by any superimposed ideas, then after we see your sketches, we may be able to offer some helpful suggestions.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Sept 30. 1918

BONNIE HALL
MARBLETOWN, N.Y.

My dear Mr Ward

The beautiful array of shields has come to hand and I will send you a couple of sketches in a few days as suggested on the reverse of the [illegible] kindly needed

Yours truly,

Allen G Newman

Hon Lewis Ward Esq
Curator Am Numismatic & Soc
N Y City

Oct 2. 1918

BONNIE HALL
MARBLETOWN, N.Y.

My dear [illegible]

I am sending you today by parcel post, two sketches for the reverse of the [illegible] medal also a second sketch of the obverse.

One of the sketches shows only ten shields but it gives the general layout and effect except that they would be somewhat smaller, leaving a larger space for the inscription which I believe would be an advantage as I understand it is to be [illegible].

This sketch was prepared before I had the number to be used.

The plaster casts should be all that is needed to make a finished model and you were very kind to send them. When you decide to have me proceed with the obverse studies write me to that effect and I will get busy on the large models.

Very truly yours

Allen Newman

Howland Wood Esq
Curator Am. Numismatic Soc
N.Y.C.

October 15th. 1918

Mr. Allan G. Newman,
Middleton, New York.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Your sketches and models came in due course and I have submitted them to the two or three most interested and can now give you definite instructions to go ahead. The obverse to be virtually like your pencil sketch. The suggestion was made that it might be well to have Liberty put a little more force in ringing the bell, rather than just touch it. Either have her arm around it or use both hands. We do not want the figure changed any more than you help as we like it. The yoke from which the bell swings is like the enclosed rubbing though you need not follow this exactly. On this yoke we think July 4, 1776 should go. We do not think any other inscription needed on this side.

The reverse side is to have the shields of the nations sent you. We like the design best with the wreath under the shields. A rubbing of the latest form of Nicaragua shield is enclosed. We have shortened the reverse inscription as follows:-

TO COMMEMORATE THE INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION OF

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4 1918

The seal of the Society should go on somewhere, possibly under the inscription. It should be like the rubbing, if you can make it out.

I trust that you can go right ahead with this though we have been the ones delaying the matter.

Very truly

Under seperate cover

November 16th, 1918.

Allen G. Newman, Esq.,
1947 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

Just a line to ask you how you are getting on with the Fourth of July model, and when you think you can let us have the model.

Trusting this may be progressing in good shape, I remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

Kingston N.Y.
Route 3

July 3. 1919

My dear Mr Noe:

The notice of the publication of the Independence Day medal has been received and reminds me that you said that the sculptor would receive a few copies.

It seems to me that if these are sent by mail to my N.Y. address that, as second class matter, they would not be forwarded here.

Therefore if in the regular course of things you do mail them please direct them as above — as I dont want any chance of them going astray.

Hoping you are enjoying the summer and with kind regards and best wishes for the success of the medal for both our sakes I remain

Sincerely yours
Allen G. Newman

Sydney P. Noe Esq
City

Office of the Secretary.

July 5, 1919.

Allen G. Newman Esq.,
Route 3,
Kingston, New York.

My dear Mr. Newman:-

I have your letter of the 3rd, and note what you say regarding having your copies of the Independence Day Medal sent to Kingston. I will see that this is done. I expect to be able to send them not later than the middle of next week. These subscription is going very nicely - your medal had to suffer because it followed so quickly after the sending of the Peace Medal circulars. This is something which could not be prevented however.

Thank you for your good wishes. I trust it has been cooler where you are than it has been here during the last three days.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

July 11. 1919

BONNIE HALL
MARBLETOWN, N.Y.

My dear Mr Noe —

The medals and check for the models of some are at hand and I wish to thank you and the Society for their promptness and generosity in remembering the sculptor.

Even so, I would like to have a few more bronze copies and if you will write me what they will cost (I believe I understood that they would be furnished to me at cost price) I can determine how many.

I am pleased with the final result of this work and sincerely hope the Society will find it successful in every way.

With kind regards to you and each of your staff who proved such sympathetic and helpful clients I remain

Most truly yours

Allen G. Newman

Sydney T. Noe Esq.
Secy.

July 16, 1919.

Allen G. Newman, Esq.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

I find that I did have four bronze copies of your medal which I could let you have, and which you need not therefore return.

As to the cost - this decreases with each additional copy ordered, and I therefore prefer that you wait and let me render you a bill for these four when the subscription closes August 1st. If we were to dispose of only these now ordered, the cost would be for us $3.80 each. This will, of course be lessened - at least I hope it will be.
With cordial regards,

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

May 19th, 1920.

Mr. Allen G. Newman,
1931 Broadway,
New York.

Dear Mr. Newman:-

I am enclosing herewith the long delayed bill for the four extra bronze Independence Day Medals, which you requested in addition to the ones supplied you as creator of the design.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.